Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 09 May 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 10 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 08 May 2023 at 15:49 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for a showery outlook for the week ahead. Lower confidence for when heavier showers will occur and for the frequency for particular ranges. Mainly light winds for the forecast period too.

Headline for Tuesday 09 May 2023: A dry morning with bright or sunny spells, scattered afternoon showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 09 May 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain showers (night)	Dull	Mist	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
Precipitation probability							
50%	30%	20%	20%	40%	40%	20%	20%

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Weather: Overnight showers will gradually move east but mist and fog will linger and be slow to clear after dawn. The morning will brighten up with some bright or sunny spells for most ranges, perhaps remaining cloudy for island peaks like the paps of Jura and Mull hills. A scattering of afternoon showers will develop, these will be quite short lived but Glencoe and the Lochaber ranges see a few group together with cloud gathering too. Showers dying out in the evening with some clear spells developing. Feeling quite warm in any sunny spells in the milder air.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% improving to 90%, perhaps patchy low cloud in showers.

Low Cloud and visibility: Early low cloud with scattered amounts above 600m, this will lift and clear early in the morning, with cloud free summits expected for much of the day, perhaps patchy cloud falling below the higher summits in afternoon showers briefly, especially around Ben Nevis. Visibility may be poor in place in mist early in the day and very poor in any early fog patches but expected to improve at all levels in the morning becoming mainly very good with views all around, dipping temporarily in any sharp showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	16/20 SW	13/17 SW	11/14 SW	11/16 SW	11/16 W	13/18 W	13/17 SW	13/16 S	16/20 S
900	12/16 SW	11/14 SW	8/11 SW	9/14 SW	8/13 W	8/13 W	11/15 SW	9/12 SW	11/15 S
600	15/18 SW	12/15 SW	8/11 SW	11/15 SW	8/13 SW	9/14 SW	13/17 SW	11/14 SW	10/13 S
300	8/12 SW	6/10 SW	5/8 SW	8/12 SW	7/11 NW	6/10 SW	9/15 SW	6/10 S	6/10 SE
Glen	7/15 SW	5/11 SW	4/8 SW	8/14 SW	5/10 W	5/10 NW	8/16 SW	5/11 SW	4/8 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	5/0	3/-1	2/-2	2/-2	3/-1	4/-1	3/-1	2/-2	1/-4
900	7/3	6/2	5/2	6/3	6/4	7/5	7/4	4/1	3/-0
600	8/5	8/4	7/4	8/5	8/6	9/7	9/6	7/4	6/4
300	10/8	9/8	9/8	10/8	10/9	11/10	11/9	9/8	8/7
Glen	11/10	11/10	11/10	12/11	12/12	14/13	13/11	10/9	9/8
Freezing Level*	1800m	1600m	1400m	1400m	1500m	1600m	1500m	1400m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A pleasant enough day but worth keeping the waterproofs handy, pleasantly warm in brighter spells and light winds.

Forecast for Wednesday 10 May 2023

Weather: A bright and dry start to the day although some mist and fog initially but becoming showery, most showers will be short lived but more intense afternoon showers are possible with some hail and thunder mixed in.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 10-15mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%, cloud lowering in heavier showers.

Low Cloud and visibility: Patchy or scattered cloud above 600m at times in heavier showers. Good visibility but dipping moderate or poor in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to 15 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 rising to 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above all summits.

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